administrative measures are also taken to improve revenue collections.

**Foreign exchange earning from Sea food Exports**

3762. PROF. UMMAREDDY. VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in foreign exchange earnings through sea foods export;

(b) if so, the details of exports made and foreign exchange earned during each of the last three years;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up a sea-food processing plant in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The export of marine products during last three years were:

| | *Qty. (in Mts)* | *Value (Rs. crores)* |
|---|---|---|
| 1988-89 | 99777 | 597.85 |
| 1989-90 | 110843 | 634.99 |
| 1990-91 | 139419 | 893.37 |

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. There is a proposal for establishment of fish processing unit and shrimp feed mill at Vizag under Indo-Australian Aid.

**Gold Bank**

3763. SHRI PRAFUL PATEL:
SHRI R. DHANUSKODI ATHITHAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a gold bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the benefits likely to be accrued therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). The matter is under detailed examination by the Reserve Bank of India.

**Development of Minor Ports**

3764. SHRI N. DENNIS:
SHRI G.M.C. BALAYOGI:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of minor ports in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Union Government have been extending financial assistance for their expansions and development;

(c) if so, the assistance rendered to minor ports during Seventh Plan, port-wise and State-wise;

(d) whether the Government propose to take foreign assistance for development of these ports;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to convert those minor ports into major ports